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A Happy New Year and a Bigger, Better, Brighter "Sun" for 1915



PROF. ROBERT G. JACKSON.
Organist of Allen chapel, superintendent of the musical department of Western University, who stands without a peer as a pipe organist, who not only gave one of the most impressive programs Christmas morning that Allen's congregation has ever known, but took his full choir at 8 o'clock in the morning to the city hospital and gladdened the hearts of the inmates with delightful renditions for an hour or more and furnished part of the program with his Choral Club from Western University at the mayor's Christmas entertainment in Convention hall.



MRS. LYDIA C. SMITH.
The charming secretary of the Yates branch Y. M. C. A., whom rumor says is soon to be the bride of Presiding Elder A. M. Ward of Denver, Col.



MRS. BESSIE M. WEAVER.
Kansas City's pioneer florist, who has made a success of this exacting profession.

MRS. LUELLA BASS DEAD.
Mrs. Luella Bass Noble, governess of the District Household of Ruth of Missouri, member of the H. of J., the Eastern Star and Court of Calanthe, died last Sunday morning at the Wheatley Provident hospital and was buried Thursday under the auspices of these organizations from the Second Baptist church, Rev. S. W. Baccote, pastor, of which she was a member for many years. Mrs. Bass was held in high esteem by those who knew her and she was a tireless worker for her fraternity and for the welfare of her husband, Minor H. Bass, whom she leaves to mourn her loss.

"When our days of toil are passed,
And the evening comes at last,
If our hearts have truly honored his
behest

We shall safely cross the tide
And the gates will open wide
And we'll enter into happy, happy
rest."

The Sun extends its sincere sympathy.

Miss Ann, Messrs. David and Paul, children of Prof. and Mrs. D. N. Crothwaite, came home to attend the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, which was one of the most delightful affairs of the holiday season. Miss Ann is a teacher in the St. Louis High school; Paul is a dentist in Chicago and David is a draftsman and civil engineer in Marshalltown, Ia. All have achieved success in their chosen profession.

Many Colored Men Have Sat in Congress

Some Now Living—South Carolina
Has Furnished Seven of These
Bright Lights.

In the United States congress at Washington, D. C., no less than 22 men of color have occupied seats. Two senators and 20 members. Hiram R. Revels, United States senator, served twelve months and ten days in 1870-71; D. K. Bruce, six years, 1875-1881; Joseph H. Rainey, M. C., Forty-first to Forty-fifth congress, ten years; R. B. Elliott, M. C., two years, ten months; R. H. Caine, M. C., four years; Robert Smalls, M. C., six years; George W. Murray, M. C., four years; Thomas F. Miller, M. C., two years; Alonzo J. Ransier, M. C., two years; Jerre Harrison, M. C., two years; Benjamin S. Turner, M. C., two years; James Rapier, M. C., two years; Joshua T. Walls, M. C., six years; Robert DeLarge, M. C., two years; John H. Hyman, M. C., two years; James E. O'Hara, M. C., two years; H. P. Cheatam, M. C., four years; George H. White, M. C., four years; John R. Lynch, M. C., six years; Jeff Long, M. C., two years; Charles E. Nash, M. C., two years; John M. Langston, M. C., two years.

From this list, by consulting the congressional record, it will be seen that two of these men actually occupied seats of election in United States senate. Their record was in all cases satisfactory, and in many instances the men in this list showed unusual brilliance. This was especially true of Senator Revels, Senator B. K. Bruce, who at one time occupied the position of vice president of the United States, by acting as presiding officer of the senate. John R. Lynch of Mississippi, Robert Smalls of South Carolina, John M. Langston of Virginia and many others proved themselves the peers of their white colleagues.

Gen. Robert Smalls, collector of customs at Beaufort, S. C., the hero of the planter, Thomas E. Miller, former president of the State Colored college for South Carolina; George W. Murray, George H. White and John R. Lynch are now living.

Seven of the above mentioned were of South Carolina, and held sway before the advent of the Tillman and Blaine type reached the surface or appeared on the political horizon.

Cactus will remove corns and bunions.



CHAPLAIN THEOPHILUS G. STEWARD.
Whose new book is eliciting favorable comment throughout the country.

CHAPLAIN STEWARD'S BOOK.

By PROF. WM. H. DAWLEY, JR.

The Haitian Revolution, 1791-1804, or Side Lights of the French Revolution is the name of the remarkable book fresh from the pen of Rev. Theophilus Gould Steward, father of our own Prof. T. Borden Steward, retired chaplain of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, U. S. A., professor of history at Wilberforce, former scholarly pastor of the A. M. E. church at Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C., and of the same church at Haiti. He stands foremost as a pulpit orator, not rhetorical, but argumentative, logical and convincing. He has already attracted attention as a novelist but more widely as a historian. Hence he is eminently by nature, education, contact with the Haitians to give a fair, impartial yet sympathetic review of this noble, isolative and misjudged people. He has investigated at first hand the French and Spanish sources without the aid of translation, sources in the main hostile to and lacking in sympathy with the Haitians. From the author's ancestry one would suspect that his leanings would be toward the mulattoes, but his judicious religious bent does not allow him in these pages to detract one iota from the grandeur of the black L'Ouverture, or the glory of the unbleached Dessalines. The brilliantuster of Rigaud, Petion and Boyer mulattoes he permits in no way to dim the blazing light of the other two. Where since the deeds of men have been chiselled

in stone, painted on canvases or penned on paper has any people, brown or yellow, white or black, broken and dashed off the chains of slavery, driven their masters, the most forceful on earth, out of their country, seized the reins of government unaided, untutored, alone, with no model placed themselves in the front rank of civilized nations and maintained that position against all odds for more than a hundred years? The Hebrew did not do it, the Netherlands did not do it, nay even the thirteen colonies did not do it, yet these black and brawny sons of Haiti did it, and the world reluctantly acknowledges that fact.

Chaplain Steward dispassionately, without rhetorical embellishment, yet graphically portrays how this unheard of feat was done. Who knows that the mulattoes, Benoit, Christophe, Petion, Rigaud, fought on the side of Washington in the American Revolution? That the much maligned voodoo dancers had the effect of our own underground railroad; that Dessalines was emperor of Haiti two months before Napoleon was emperor of the French?

No one can read this book without being revived with a greater love for freedom.

Mrs. Minnie Doyle served the members of Eureka Household and their husbands an elaborate three course dinner Sunday, December 27, at 5 o'clock. The table was covered with a beautiful drawn work table cloth which the Household had given her for her faithful work.



REV. RICHARD DAVIS.
Pastor of Centennial M. E. Church, one of the most beloved ministers who has ever pastored a church in Kansas City.



REV. LENA MASON.
Whom hundreds of Kansas Cityans would be pleased to have conduct one of her famous revivals again in this city.

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Miss Marie Overstreet, musical instructor at Lincoln Institute, who has been the house guest of Mrs. N. C. Crews during the holidays, has been the recipient of much social attention during her stay.

A WEALTHY NEGRO FARMER.

One of the wealthiest and most successful Negro farmers in Missouri is Ruben Dameron of Chariton county. He owns 182 acres of the best land. He raised over 1,000 barrels of corn last year and abundant crops of other grain, and sorghum. He is known as the "molasses king" of Chariton county. He and his wife began working as farm hand and cook. His salary was \$1 per month and hers \$5. Their holdings now reach far up into the thousands of dollars and no debts. They are the parents of 16 children, six daughters are married and all live on farms. No school has been provided in Mr. Dameron's district for colored children, but Mr. Dameron provides a school eight months in the year for his younger children, and grandchildren in his own home by employing a teacher at his own expense. He has on his farm a park and picnic grounds where is held annually a "Feast in the Wilderness," which is attended by hundreds of people from miles around.



PROF. JOE E. HERRIFORD.
Principal of Lincoln School, for 16 years Chief Grand Mentor of Knights of Tabor, and conceded the most brilliant correspondent that ever sat at the Masonic round table, and the author of the Masonic gems that appear from time to time in this paper.



PROF. G. N. GRISHAM.
Principal of Lincoln High School, president of Negro State Teachers' Association and one of the foremost educators of this country regardless of race.



PROF. R. T. COLES.
Principal of Garrison School and the originator in the movement for the acquisition of the beautiful Garrison Field House and playground which stands as a monument to his tireless efforts.



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